(*c*) if so, how many of those resolutions were acted upon by the Government;

(*d*) whether any resolutions making any constructive suggestions have been made by the above Committee;

(*e*) how many resolutions protesting against the attitude of the Government and the Food Supplies Department towards the resolutions of the above Committee have been passed and sent up by the last Food Advisory Committee of Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 86 resolutions were passed by Food Advisory Committee.

(*b*) Yes. Some of the suggestions contained in the resolutions have been acted upon by Government.

(*c*) In the case of 26 resolutions action has been taken by the Government in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 6 resolutions.

SCARCITY OF CATTLE FODDER

713. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Director of Food Supplies has received petitions complaining the scarcity of cattle fodder like bran, Bengal gram, cotton seeds, etc., from Kunnamkulam in the year 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) whether any telegram has been received by the Government on the same matter from Kunnamkulam;

(*c*) if so, when were these petitions and telegrams received;

(*d*) whether the Government have any reply to any of these petitions or telegrams received;

(*e*) is not the scarcity of cattle fodder still acute as it was at the time of the complaint;

(*f*) whether bran is available for sale at the depots and Fair Price Shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) One petition was received in 1120. None in 1121.

(*b*) The Director of Food Supplies has received one telegram regarding the scarcity of bran from President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat.

(*c*) The petition on 20th April 1945 (8th Medam 1120) and the telegram 19th April 1945 (7th Medam 1120).

(*d*) Yes. The President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat was informed that measures were taken to make bran available in the locality.

(*e*) Scarcity is still reported though the degree of it varies frequently.

(*f*) No. But its distribution from the Rice Mills in the State has been arranged at the price fixed by the Department.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

714. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by Government urging the necessity to include prominent merchants of the State in the Central Food Advisory Council;

(*b*) what was the reply given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reply given was that Government do not find their way to accept the suggestion.

ARECANUT GROWERS—RESTRICTIONS ON

715. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether our Government is imposing more restrictions on arecanut growers and traders under Proclamation II of 1120, than those imposed in British India under the British Indian Act;

(*b*) whether the "Sale Note" form now in vogue under Proclamation II of 1120 requires the signature of Central Excise Sub-Inspector;

(*c*) whether the above conditions is very rigorously adhered to in the Kunnamkulam Range, while it is not observed in the other ranges;

(*d*) whether the sale notes in Trichur Range are signed by Petty Officers;

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(*e*) whether the "Sale Note" forms used in British India requires the signature of any officer;

(*f*) whether the sale note in British India are issued under the signature of the seller himself;

(*g*) is not the Cochin Sale Note Form are exact word to word copy of the British form excepting the person who is to sign it;

(*h*) will Government be pleased to give the sample of the "Sale Note forms" used in this State and in British Malabar;

(*i*) does not this restriction that a sale note should be issued only under the signature of the Excise Sub-Inspector causes hindrance to the sale and removal of sold goods of duty paid arecanuts from warehouses?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. The Proclamation and Rules here are exactly on the lines of those in British India.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is adhered to equally in all ranges.

(*d*) In the absence of the Sub-Inspector, the Petty Officer used to endorse the sale notes for some time. Now, the Sub-Inspector alone is endorsing them.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Almost similar.

(*h*) Yes. Copies are placed on the table.

(*i*) So far, no complaint of inconvenience has been received from any of the dealers. The signature of the Sub-Inspector is insisted upon, only in sale notes covering consignments intended for export to British India. The sale note is merely a certificate that duty has been paid. British officers detain consignments in the absence of such a certificate signed by a responsible officer of the State. The sale note endorsed by the Sub-Inspector is therefore only in the interest of the State dealer. It also is a check to see that non-duty paid betelnuts do not pass out of the State.

AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS AND POLITICS

716. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Directior of Public Instruction issued a circular prohibiting Aided school teachers from taking part in political work; if so, what is the purport of the circular;

(*b*) does this indicate a change of policy on the part of the Government;

(*c*) have not aided school teachers been allowed to take part in political activities in the past?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes, to instruct teachers not to have anything to do with political activities.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Only in conformity with the provisions in the Education Code.

TANKS—CRANGANUR TALUK

717. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്ന് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ കരിച്ചാംകുളം, ഉളവാകുളം, അരാകുളം ഈ കുളങ്ങളിലെ വെള്ളം വറ്റിച്ചു ചെളി (അഴുക്ക) കളഞ്ഞിട്ട് എത്ര കാലമായി?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ഉളവാകുളം ഫ ഫ ഫണ്ടിൽ ചേർത്തു നന്നാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതാകുന്നു. മറ്റു കുളങ്ങളും എന്നാണ് നന്നാക്കിട്ടുള്ളത് എന്ന വിവരം അറിവില്ല.

PLAY GROUND—VADAKKANCHERI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

718. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if there is sufficient play-ground for the students of the Vadakkancheri Boys' High School;

(*b*) if not, whether there was a request for the same from the Headmaster;

(*c*) what action, if any, have the Government taken in the matter?

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